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1. Members of the Committee for Free Albania are allegedly discouraged because the United States and Great Britain are believed to have backed down on plans to overthrow the Hoxha Government.
2. This alleged change of plan is ascribed to the rivalry between Greece and Yugoslavia, each of which wishes to dominate the future Albanian regime, and to Russia's strengthened position as a result of possessing the Atomic Bomb, as well as to rumors that Russia is building V-weapon launching sites on the Albanian coast, and that the Russian "airlift" to Albania is now strong.
3. In addition to the alleged discouragement of members of the Committee as described above, it is reported that the ill-concealed activities of some of them have had an adverse effect on other Albanians by causing Russia to give increased support to the Hoxha regime and by bringing many Albanians to consider even the present Government a lesser evil than the Greek and/or Yugoslav domination of Albania which they fear would result if Hoxha should be overthrown.

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